

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0306

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

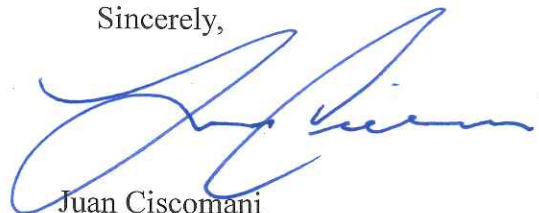
I am requesting funding for the Benson Airport/UAS Facility Fiberoptic Broadband Connectivity project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Benson, located at 120 West 6th Street, Benson, AZ 85602.

The funding would be used for activities to plan and construct an approximately five-mile, enterprise-grade fiberoptic broadband connectivity route through part of the city and terminating at the airport in Duncan, Arizona. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because access to high-quality internet connectivity is more important than ever before to rural communities—both for everyday residential needs and to grow their economies. Without it, growing rural communities like Benson will not be able to fulfill their economic potential.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the same purposes authorized in the pilot program established by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-141).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Juan Ciscomani
Member of Congress